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## STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

The Interview Summary mailed by the Examiner on February 9, 2004, required that the Applicant submit a Statement of the Substance of the Interview. Applicants agree with the Examiner's statement made during the January 14, 2004 interview that the November 4, 2003 Office Action should have referred to only one reference, Mills et al., (*Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. USA* 76:2232, 1979). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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